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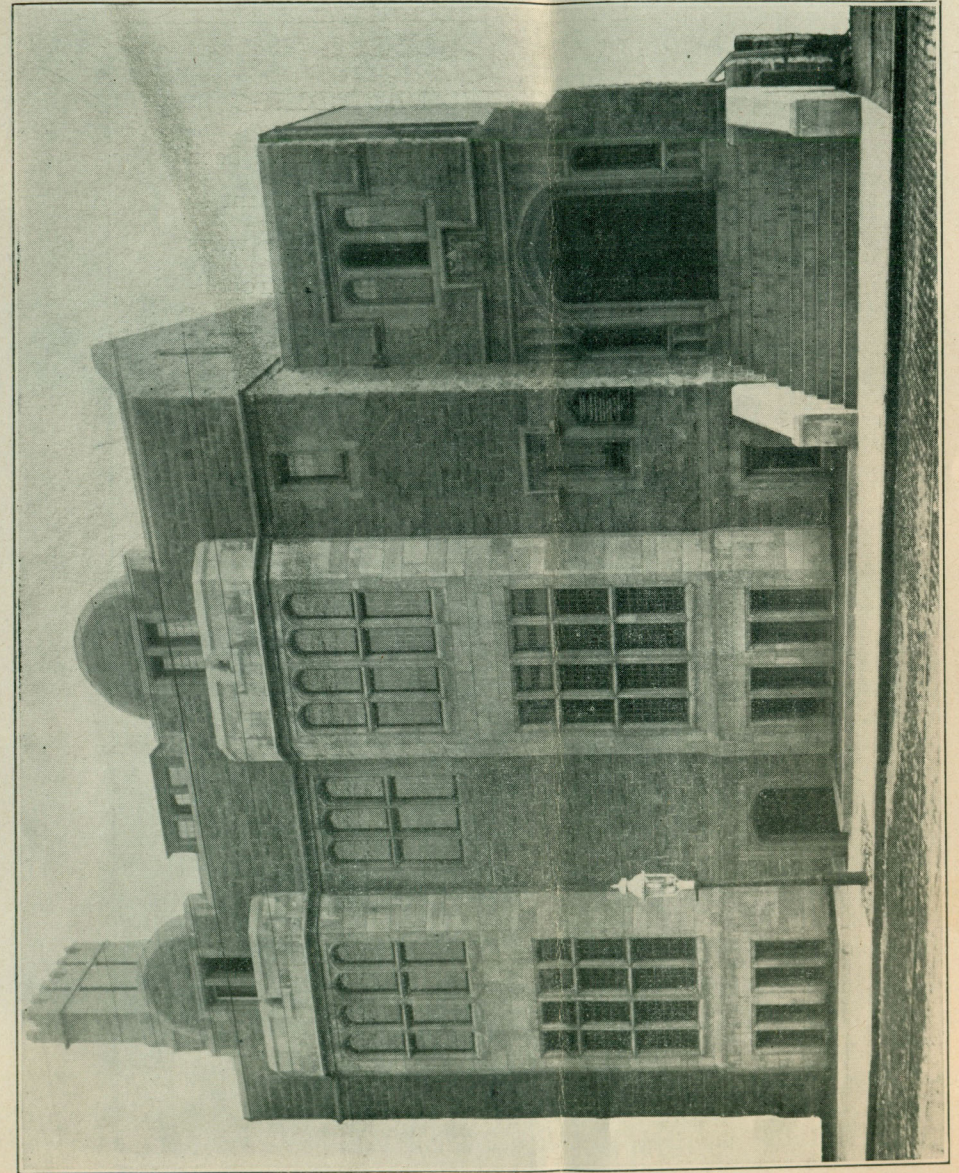
Opportunity and Responsibility

The two most solemn words are **opportunity** and **responsibility** and they mutually connote one another, for every **opportunity** involves a corresponding responsibility and every real responsibility implies an **opportunity**. This axiom may be applied to St. Bartholomew's.

Here is a great opportunity for the Church; not five or ten years hence, but **now!** In this great city conditions are changing with the increase of the population, making certain strategic points where the church must go forward if she desires to "lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes."

Where she is losing and growing weaker in some parts of the city effort must be put forth to recover her loss in new fields.

St. Bartholomew's is located in a new field in the midst of a great industrial center, where the tide of busy life flows to and fro. Here is a strategic point in the church life, and certainly our location and condition should commend themselves to the thoughtful, liberal givers.



THE PRESENT PARISH HOUSE AND CHAPEL

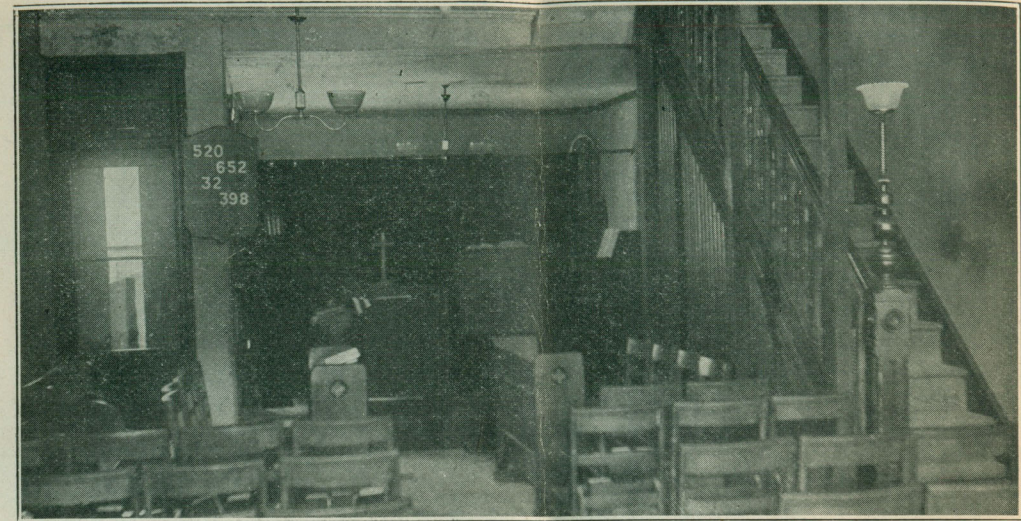
BENEFIT FOR CHURCH BUILDING

Plans for new church building fund have been launched in a manner which promises at present to be far reaching and profitable. Among the ways and means arranged for, a benefit at the Metropolitan Opera House, commencing November 15, through the kindness and splendid consideration of Mr. L. A. Blumberg.

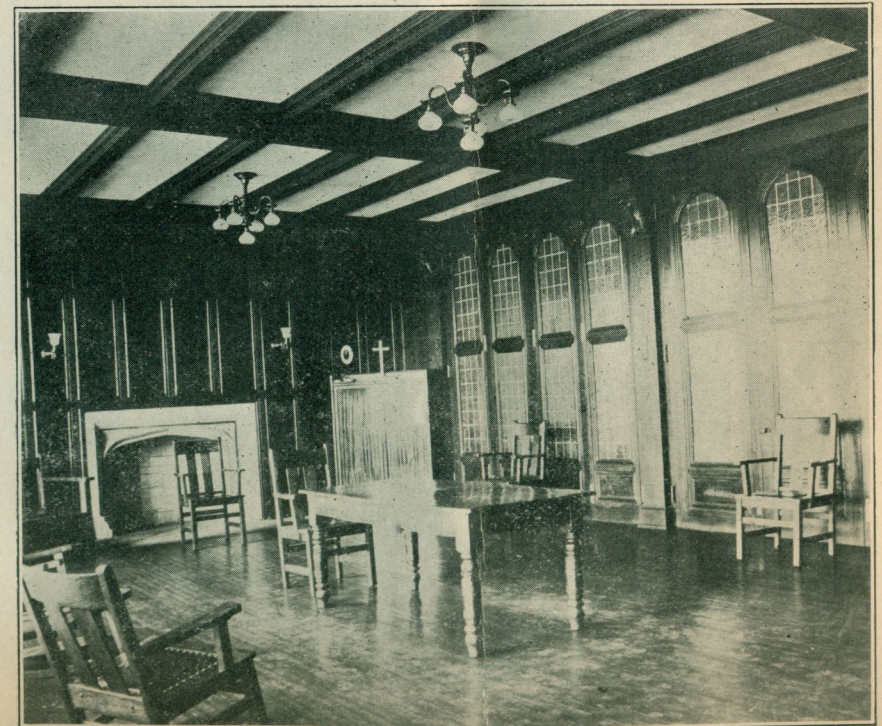
Mr. Charles H. Barker, 1915 W. Susquehanna avenue (Telephone Diamond, 6330) has been made chairman of the movement and we feel sure that under his ability and popularity the benefit to be given will be most successful.

While great nations are in the throes of war, it seems most opportune that this benefit for the erection of a temple for the worship of the Prince of Peace should begin with the greatest picture of the age, "The Battle Cry of Peace." "Peace on earth; good will toward men."

Many influential persons have most kindly and willingly extended a helping hand and become patrons of the benefit. No one should fail to see the picture and profit by its great truth.



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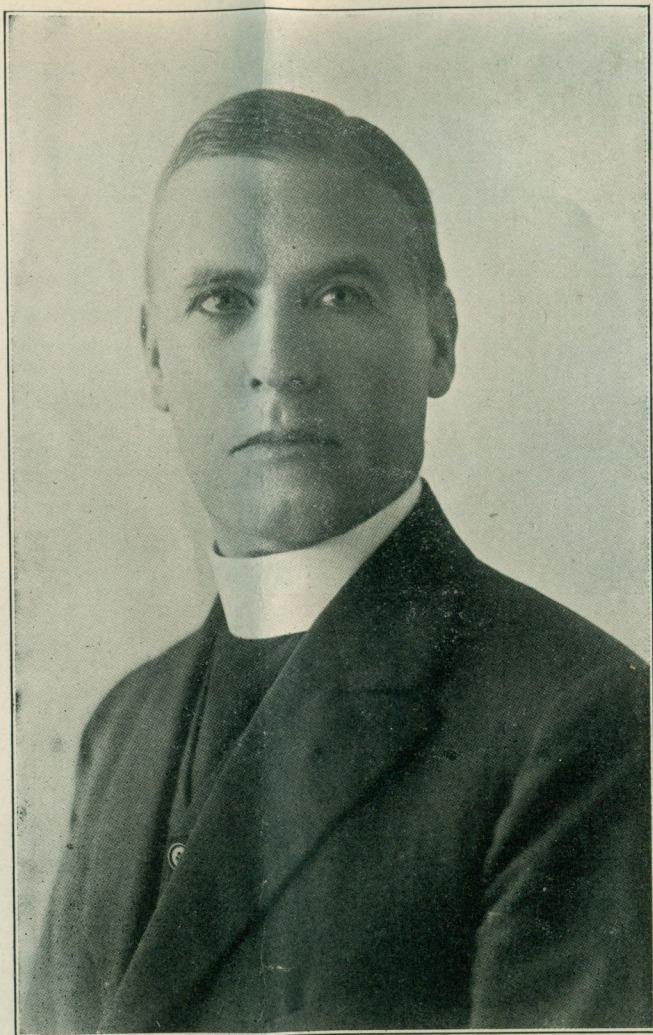
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Can I help?

Most sincerely yours,

Daniel G. MacKinnon,

2430 W. Lehigh Ave.

Excerpts from Letters for St. Bartholomew's Messenger

From the Bishop of the Diocese:

My Dear Mr. MacKinnon:

There is no point in the whole city of greater strategic importance to the Church than the district in which St. Bartholomew's is situated, and to which it ministers. While I fully appreciate the fine and loyal work which you and your devoted people are doing, I realize that the great need of the work at present is for a suitable and noble Church building which shall symbolize and embody the meaning of our faith, and the beauty of the Church's worship. The appeal of the Gospel must reach the eye, and not the ear, of men, if they are to feel the force of its appeal and yield themselves to its glorious promises of love and salvation. Especially is this true in these crowded, busy industrial days in which we live. Nowhere, so much as in a district like yours, is the need so great of a noble Church; and it is a pressing need. Each day of delay is a lost day of opportunity. You may rely on my constant prayers and efforts to bring this matter to the hearts and minds of those who can help.

Faithfully ours,

P. M. RHINELANDER,
Bishop of Pennsylvania.

I am very glad to hear that St. Bartholomew's is going to put forth a determined effort to build a church. I do not know of any location in the Diocese where one is more needed than at Twenty-fifth street and Lehigh avenue, for your neighborhood and parish work is growing rapidly and, I believe, permanently. I will gladly do anything I can to help so worthy a cause.

Yours very sincerely,

LLEWELLYN N. CALEY.

Rector of St. Jude and the Nativity and Dean of the North Philadelphia Convocation.

From the Fifty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Missions of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, May 5, 1914:

The third mission, St. Bartholomew's, Twenty-fifth street and Lehigh avenue, has become a self-supporting parish, though it requires a good deal of outside help to erect a much-needed church edifice for the increasing population.

From the Bishop's Address to the Convention, May 1, 1914:

St. Bartholomew's Mission, Lehigh avenue and Twenty-fifth street, became an independent parish a year ago. In its vigorous and eager life, it has found itself able to solve its problems without resting on the Diocese. It has an extraordinarily hopeful future, and I am sure the earnest prayers of this whole convention will follow and support its energetic rector.

The locality demands a large church. While the parishes in the eastern and southern parts of the city are constantly losing their parishioners, St. Bartholomew's is the gainer. Where stood two or three years ago only fields, today can be seen row after row of houses, with a constantly increasing population. Many of these people can be drawn into our Communion if attractive facilities such as a large church would supply are offered them. Then there can be no doubt that the parish of St. Bartholomew will become one of the largest in the diocese.

JOHN A. GOODFELLOW.

Rector of Church of the Good Shepherd, Kensington, Philadelphia.

Shall we close our eyes to the glorious outlook and falter in the onward steps that have characterized this work from its beginning? Shall we not rather realize that here at Twenty-fifth and Lehigh avenue is a field ready for the harvest? And with undaunted Faith and ever-abiding Hope, never rest until a glorious finish is made and a noble Church stands at the corner as an everlasting monument to God's glory and the spiritual home of hundreds of families who have turned the vacant lots of years ago into happy and prosperous households.

EWING L. MILLER.
Treasurer of the Diocese.

There is an unusual opportunity before the Church of St. Bartholomew. The one great and crying need is that a church be built at once. To see such an opportunity practically being sacrificed because of the lack of a suitable building is pitiable. It looks as if we do not recognize that an opportunity may pass. The neighborhood is full of people and the work already done is of an excellent and unusually promising character. What it would grow to with a suitable building it would be difficult to exaggerate.

I trust that many in the diocese will come to the help of St. Bartholomew's and start them on their course well equipped for the great task which the opportunity, without equal in the city, calls for. I predict an unusual future for St. Bartholomew's, and trust that many will be moved to help.

ROBERT JOHNSTON.

Rector of the Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia.

It is a pleasure to hear of the progress of the work at St. Bartholomew's and of the bright prospect for the future. I trust that you will soon be worshipping in the new church, which you so sorely need.

Faithfully yours,
CHARLES S. HUTCHINSON.
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